## EXHIBIT A

CERTIFIED COPY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

ROOTS READY MADE GARMENTS CO. W.L.L.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

No. C 07-03363 CRB

THE GAP, INC., a/k/a, GAP, INC., GAP INTERNATIONAL SALES, INC., BANANA REPUBLIC, LLC, AND OLD NAVY, LLC,

Defendants.

30(b)(6) DEPOSITION OF ROOTS READY MADE GARMENTS CO.

DEPONENT: SHEIKH FAISAL AHMED AL-THANI

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

SHEILA CHASE & ASSOCIATES
REPORTING FOR:
West Court Reporting Services
221 Main Street, Suite 1250
San Francisco, California 94105
Phone: (415) 321-2300
Fax: (415) 618-0743

Reported by: JANIS JENNINGS, CSR, CRP, CLR

1	Α.	It's a famous one. It's a military
2	academy.	
3	Q.	Do you know the name of the degree that
4	you rece	ived? For example, was it a bachelor's
5	degree?	A master's degree?
6	Α.	In fact, it's different when you talk
7	about mi	litary definitions. It's almost like a
8	Ph.D.	
9	Q.	How many years total did you spend in your
10	post-hig	h school formal education?
11	Α.	In Qatar and England, four years.
12	Q.	Did you attend any universities other than
13	the univ	ersities in Qatar and England that you
14	describe	d?
15	Α.	I studied in Jordan.
16	Q.	What university did you attend in Jordan?
17	Α.	I took some classes for four months.
18	Q.	What was the name of that university?
19		and the time of time of the ti
	Α.	King Abdullah Academy.
20	A. . Q.	<u>.</u>
20 21	. Q.	King Abdullah Academy.
	. Q.	King Abdullah Academy.  Did you receive any degree from King
21	. Q. Abdullah	King Abdullah Academy.  Did you receive any degree from King  Academy?
21 22	Q. Abdullah A.	King Abdullah Academy.  Did you receive any degree from King  Academy?  Yes.
21 22 23	Abdullah A. Q. A.	King Abdullah Academy.  Did you receive any degree from King  Academy?  Yes.  What was the degree?

me. 1 BY MS. DURIE: 2 Ο. Okay. Was it your understanding that 3 Roots was being promised franchise rights in the 4 future even if Roots were to breach the ISP 5 agreement at some point in the future? 6 THE INTERPRETER: Without interpretation, 7 "The future has a past." 8 THE WITNESS: If we're talking about the 9 past, there was an agreement in the past that we 10 continue the situation somehow and the situation 11 would develop into franchise. That's exactly what 12 13 happened. BY MS. DURIE: 14 15 Q. Okay. This is a simple question. Okay. 16 Was it your understanding during this conversation 17 with Mr. Young that he was promising that Roots 18 would get franchise rights in the future even if 19 after the time of this conversation, Roots breached 20 the ISP agreement? 21 THE WITNESS: (In English) He didn't say 22 that. 23 THE INTERPRETER: The response, without 24 interpretation, "He didn't say it." 25 BY MS. DURIE:

6/4/2008

```
Ο.
                So what did you understand? Did you
 1
      understand that Roots would get franchise rights
 2
     even if it was going to breach the ISP agreement in
 3
     the future?
 4
                MR. HANEY: Objection. Asked and
 5
     answered.
 6
                THE WITNESS: At that time, there was
 7
     never in my mind to obtain a franchise right and to
 8
     breach the agreement.
 9
     BY MS. DURIE:
10
                Okay. So is it fair to say that you
11
     didn't consider whether Roots would be entitled to
12
     franchise rights in the future if it were to breach
13
14
     the ISP agreement?
15
               MR. HANEY: Objection as to form.
16
               THE WITNESS: What? What? Repeat.
17
     BY MS. DURIE:
18
               Is it, therefore, the case that you didn't
19
     think about whether Roots would be entitled to
20
     franchise rights in the future if it breached the
21
     ISP agreement?
22
               MR. HANEY: Objection as to form.
23
               THE WITNESS: How would you think about
24
     breaching an agreement when you are obtaining new
25
     work?
```

1	BY MS. DURIE:		
2	Q. Okay. So that didn't occur to you; is		
3	that right?		
4	A. No.		
5	Q. Okay. Is it also the case that you didn't		
6	think about what would happen if Gap became		
7	dissatisfied with Roots' performance?		
8	A. It didn't happen to justify thinking about		
9	it.		
10	Q. "It didn't happen to justify thinking		
11	about it"? Is that		
12	A. Yes. Because it didn't happen. If it had		
13	happened, I would have thought about it.		
14	Q. Did Roots do anything because Gap made		
15	this statement about franchise rights in the future		
16	that it wouldn't have done anyway under the ISP		
17	agreement?		
18	MR. HANEY: Objection. Asked and		
19	answered.		
20	THE WITNESS: What? What not what? I		
21	don't understand the question.		
22	BY MS. DURIE:		
23	Q. Did Roots do anything in response to the		
24	statement by Mr. Young about franchise rights that		
25	Roots would not have done anyway under the ISP		

1	reviewed it, and I know that we never reviewed it.	
2	Q. Okay. Was it your understanding that	
3	Roots was getting any rights under the written	
4	contract for ISP distribution rights that was	
5	entered into between Gap and Gabana?	
6	MR. HANEY: Objection as to form.	
7	THE WITNESS: The rights that Roots	
8	obtained would be obtained from Gap. And the	
9	legitimacy of Gabana was created by Gap.	
10	BY MS. DURIE:	
11	Q. Well, to be clear, my question is: Did	
12	Roots get any rights under Exhibit 4?	
13	MR. HANEY: Objection. Calls for a legal	
14	conclusion.	
15	THE WITNESS: Are you saying that there	
16	was an agreement between Gabana and Roots?	
17	BY MS. DURIE:	
18	Q. I'm not saying anything. I'm asking a	
19	question.	
20	A. I don't understand what is intended here.	
21	Q. Okay. The question is: Was it your	
22	understanding that Roots had any rights under the	
23	ISP distribution contract between Gap and Gabana	
24	which has been marked as Exhibit 4?	
25	MR. HANEY: Objection. Calls for a legal	

```
conclusion. Okay. And objection. Lacks foundation
 1
      because of his testimony about his lack of
 2
      familiarity.
 3
                MS. DURIE: Don't give speaking
 4
      objections.
 5
                THE WITNESS: My understanding is yes.
 6
     BY MS. DURIE:
 7
                What rights did Roots have under the ISP
          0.
 8
     distribution contract between Gap and Gabana?
 9
                MR. HANEY: Objection. Lacks foundation.
10
11
     Calls for a legal conclusion.
               THE WITNESS: I don't understand. What
12
     kind of rights is she talking about?
13
14
     BY MS. DURIE:
15
          Q.
               Any rights.
16
               MR. HANEY: Same objections.
17
               THE WITNESS: We obtained the rights
18
     because we paid for them.
19
     BY MS. DURIE:
20
               Okay. But my question, Mr. Al-Thani, is:
21
     What rights did Roots get under this contract,
22
     Exhibit 4, between Gap and Gabana?
23
               MR. HANEY: Same objections. Calls for a
24
    legal conclusion and lacks foundation.
25
               THE WITNESS: Distribution, the ownership
```

```
of the ISPs in the whole Middle East, all
   1
       Arabic-speaking countries.
   2
       BY MS. DURIE:
   3
                 So it's your testimony that in exchange
   4
       for the purchase of the excess inventory, Roots got
   5
       distribution rights for Gap clothing and to the ISP
  6
       program in the whole Middle East under this written
  7
       contract between Gap and Gabana; is that right?
  8
  9
                 MR. HANEY:
                            Objection. Lacks foundation.
      Calls for a legal conclusion.
 10
 11
                THE WITNESS: There is something missing.
 12
      BY MS. DURIE:
 13
           0.
                What's missing?
14
                In legalities, maybe she added something.
      Are you talking about our rights? Did we obtain
15
      these rights based on the contract?
16
17
                Let me ask the question again. Is it your
           0.
18
     testimony that Roots obtained rights to distribute
19
     ISP product in the whole Middle East in exchange for
20
     paying money to purchase the excess inventory under
21
     this written contract between Gap and Gabana?
22
               MR. HANEY:
                           It's a compound question.
23
     Calls for a legal conclusion. And there's no
24
     foundation because he's testified he hasn't read the
25
     contract.
```

```
conversations that rights -- strike that -- that
 1
      Roots would get the rights that were being given to
 2
      Gabana under this ISP distribution contract that's
 3
      Exhibit 4?
                MR. HANEY: I'd like to go --
 5
     BY MS. DURIE:
 6
                Is that right?
 7
           Q.
                MR. HANEY: -- through the translation.
 8
                THE INTERPRETER:
 9
                                  Okay.
                MS. DURIE: I can ask the question again
10
     for the translator.
11
     BY MS. DURIE:
12
13
                Is it your testimony that Roots understood
     that Roots was getting the rights that Gabana was
14
     getting under the written ISP distribution agreement
15
16
     that's been marked as Exhibit 4?
17
               MR. HANEY: Objection as to form and calls
18
     for a legal conclusion.
19
               THE WITNESS: Are you referring to the
20
     articles of the contracts?
21
     BY MS. DURIE:
22
          0.
               I am referring to the written ISP
23
     distribution contract between Gap and Gabana that's
24
     been marked as Exhibit 4.
25
          Α.
               Are you asking about what we thought?
```

```
Right. Was it your understanding that
           Q.
 1
      Roots was the one who was really getting these
 2
      rights?
 3
                THE INTERPRETER: The answer is, "Of
 4
      course, yes" without interpretation.
 5
                (Telephone interruption.)
 6
                THE WITNESS: I want to explain something.
 7
     This contract existed because of Roots. Based on
 8
     our agreement with Gap, other agreements with Gabana
 9
                What we didn't know about was how to
     existed.
10
     execute this contract.
11
12
     BY MS. DURIE:
                So the contract -- the ISP distribution
13
          Q.
     contract between Gap and Gabana was a way to write
14
15
     down the contract that you understood existed
16
     between Gap and Roots; is that right?
17
               MR. HANEY: Objection as to form and
18
     foundation.
19
               THE WITNESS: No. Gabana benefited based
20
     on our agreement.
21
     BY MS. DURIE:
22
               What do you mean?
          Q.
23
               It obtained rights and an agreement based
          Α.
24
     on our agreement with them.
25
               Gabana obtained rights based on Roots'
          Q.
```

## CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, JANIS L. JENNINGS, a Certified Shorthand Reporter of the State of California, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing proceedings were taken before me at the time and place herein set forth; that any witnesses in the foregoing proceedings, prior to testifying, were placed under oath; that a verbatim record of the proceedings was made by me using machine shorthand which was thereafter transcribed under my direction; further, that the foregoing is an accurate

I further certify that I am neither financially interested in the action nor a relative or employee of any attorney of any of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have this date subscribed my name.

June 16 th, 2008

transcription thereof.

19 Dated

JANIS JENNINGS